

DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION

Office of Equality Assurance
City of San José – Public Works Department
200 East Santa Clara Street
San José, California

MINUTES - DRAFT

June 9, 2008

Commissioners Present

Susan Espinoza
Mary Brown
Erik Kaeding
Kevin Lichtenberg
Jackie O'Donnell
Otila Salazar-Torres
Susie Souza
Karl Vidt, Commissioner Emeritus
Richard Kohl, Senior Commission Liaison

Commissioners Absent

Emma Eljas
Anette Howell
Aaron Morrow, Commissioner Emeritus

Council Liaison Present

Stephanie Holm for Councilmember Pyle

Staff Present

Steve Wing, ADA Coordinator
Airport Staff: Vicki Day, Doug Jones, Craig Mobeck, Tom Esch, Jerry Olivier, Mike Foresee and Demetria Machado

1. Call to Order

Chair Susan Espinoza called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

2. Orders of the Day & Agenda Approval

Upon the motion of Commissioner Kaeding, seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell, the Orders of the Day and Agenda were approved unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes for April 14, 2008

Upon the motion of Commissioner O'Donnell, seconded by Commissioner Kaeding, the Minutes as presented were approved unanimously.

4. Open Forum

No comments.

5. Council Liaison Report

Stephanie Holm reported that Advisory Board for the Office of Therapeutics Services (OTS) Strategic Plan which includes Councilmember Constant had planned to hold an informational meeting in August for the Mayor and all Councilmembers to remind them of the goals of the plan and brief them on the

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effort to update the plan. Upon learning that the DAC is planning to include this topic as one of the agenda items for the DAC Roundtable meeting with the Council, the OTS Advisory Board proposed to combine the two meetings if the DAC was in agreement. Chair Espinoza stated that this was a great idea as it will generate more interest in both meetings.

Ms. Holm also reported that the Mayor's Budget was released last Friday.

6. Chairperson Report – Susan Espinoza

Chair Espinoza, whose term with the DAC ends this month, thanked all the Commissioners and staff for their support and said she would continue to support the efforts of the DAC.

7. Santa Clara County Advisory Commission For People With Disabilities Liaison Report – Aaron Morrow

.No report.

8. Senior Commission Liaison Report – Richard Kohl

No report.

9. Presentation on accessibility features at the new Airport

The Airport staff listed above provided an overview of the new Airport that is under construction. They provided general information and information about specific accessibility features planned for the roadways and terminal buildings, including improved messaging systems, wayfinding, restrooms and paths of travel among others. Upon question from Commissioner Salazar-Torres regarding emergency evacuation, the Airport replied that presently it does not have a plan for 2nd floor evacuations for wheelchairs. They agreed to research and include in their plan.

10. Discussion of the DAC Workplan

Commissioners were asked to review the Work Plan materials that have been provided and send any comments, additions, deletions or clarifications to Steve Wing so they can be provided with the July agenda packet.

11. Election of Officers for FY 2008-2009

Chair Espinoza opened nominations for Chairperson. Commissioner Salazar-Torres was nominated by Commissioner O'Donnell. Commissioner Kaeding nominated Commissioner O'Donnell, however, Commissioner O'Donnell declined the nomination. No other nominations were made. Chair Espinoza closed nominations and declared Commissioner Salazar-Torres to be the Chairperson of the DAC for FY 2008-2009.

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Chair Espinoza opened nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Commissioner Eljas was nominated by Commissioner O'Donnell. No other nominations were made. Chair Espinoza closed nominations and declared Commissioner Eljas to be the Vice-Chairperson of the DAC for FY 2008-2009.

12. Nomination of Susan Espinoza to the position of Commissioner Emeritus

Upon the motion of Commissioner Salazar-Torres, seconded by Commissioner Brown, the appointment of Commissioner Espinoza to the position of Commissioner Emeritus was approved unanimously.

13. Standing Commission Items

a. Emergency/Disaster Planning for Persons with Disabilities

Deferred to the next meeting

b. Therapeutic Services – Strategic Plan, Services for Persons with Disabilities

Mr. Wing reminded the DAC of the Disability Awareness Day being planned by the OTS Strategic Plan Advisory Board. The date and place will be Wednesday, October 11, 2008 in the City Hall Rotunda and Plaza. The Advisory Board would very much like to have the DAC's support for this event. The DAC agreed to participate with a table at this event. Further details will be discussed.

c. VTA and Paratransit Service Issues

Deferred to the next meeting

d. Envision San José 2040

Discussion of this item was referred to the discussion of the DAC Workplan.

e. DAC Workplan

Deferred to the next meeting.

14. ADA Coordinator Report

Deferred to the next meeting.

15. Announcements

No announcements

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16. Agenda Development

- Finalize Workplan and Roundtable Agenda
- Consider inviting Housing Department staff to provide information on the Inclusionary Housing proposal and other affordable housing issues.

17. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.